flooding of Chitrapuzha will be diminished to a considerable extent. In that case the drainage portion of the advantages of this canal cannot be very great. On the question of communication, I had a talk on this matter with the Diwan a few days ago and he said that before we embark upon this scheme it is necessary to know whether this work cannot be taken up on a capital basis as was done in the case of the Irinjalakkuda Shanmukham canal. He also ordered that we should collect statistics of the probable tonnage of goods which will be passing through this canal for which a suitable toll may be established. It is our intention to get some figures of the trade that may be diverted through this canal and after that enquiry is completed, we shall be prepared to consider this scheme.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* On this question I am very glad to know that the Government has moved a little. But I would impress upon the Government, before I beg leave to withdraw this motion, the necessity of considering this question not entirely from the basis of profit alone, because some 8 or 9 villages are now driven to the necessity of taking their goods through Travancore Territory, thereby suffering much inconvenience. Therefore, this question may be considered not from the point of view of profit alone, but also from the point of view of the benefit that will be accruing to these villages of the State. Anyway, in view of the assurance given by the Chief Engineer, I do not propose to press this motion.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

Cut Motion No. 15

To reduce thc allotment of Rs. 4,19,87[illegible] for Communications by Re. 1.

(To point out the necessity for deepening and making navigable that portion of the Arappa thodu lying in the Edavilangu village.)

Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin-Christians Cranganur):* I do not wish to move this motion in view of the assurance given by the Chief Engineer that this will be taken up as a relief work immediately.

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